# MS FINE ARTS STRING TRIO



"One of the finest chamber ensembles of Mississippi"

**The** FASTMS was born in 2008. The Fine Arts String Trio of Mississippi is one of the finest chamber ensembles in the state. The versatile musicians who are members of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra decided to combine their talents and present chamber music that ranges from classical to the contemporary composers .



"Szlubowska's interpretation was filled with warm lyrism and flawless technique"

-Le Soir, Brusseles, Belgium

"Szlubowska played with great fire and Magnificence"

-Helsinski, Sanomat

Helsinki, Finland



### Marta Szlubowska Poland-USA

#### By Trenz Pruca

**Ms**. Szlubowska has been awarded many prizes including second prize at the Bryan International String Competition in North Carolina and Honorable Mentions at international violin competitions in Poland, Belgium and Finland. In the U.S., Ms. Szlubowska has appeared as a soloist with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, North Carolina Symphony, Tacoma Symphony, Olympia Symphony, Bellevue Philharmonic and many others. Ms. Szlubowska has collaborated with such distinguished artists as Julius Baker (New York Philharmonic), Judith Glyde (Manhattan String Quartet), Alex Klein (Chicago Symphony), Gerhardt Zimmerman (North Carolina Symphony), Kevin Kenner (Winner, Chopin International Piano Competition), Harvey Felder (Tacoma Symphony)

and others. She has performed in violin master classes of Ruggiero Ricci, Henryk Szeryng and others.

Since the fall of 2004 Ms. Szlubowska has been an appointed Concertmaster of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra in Jackson, Mississippi.

"Especially gripping was Szlubowska's performance of the sonata for Unaccompanied violin by the unjustly neglected Grazyna Bacewicz (1909-1960). Its hints of Bartok and neoclassical rigor suited Szlubowska's nonsense demeanor well; she held interest from first note to last..."

The Washington Post

Washington, DC

## Taylis Fernandez, cello

Taylis, a native of Cuba, began her studies in Havana. At the age of 15 years old she was already member of the well know chamber ensemble Ars Longa. With this ensemble she had toured in Mexico and Colombia . In 1998 Ms Fernandez recorded the CD "Eco de las Indias" which was award in Europe. In USA she was principal cellist for three years of the Southern Miss Symphony Orchestra, member of the Tulsa Symphony in Oklahoma, and Fort smith Symphony in Arkansas. At the present Taylis is an active member of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra.

Graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with honors Ms Fernandez is an active chamber musician.





## ALEX ENCINAS USA

At the beginning of his international career he studied violin in Moscow and worked as a violinist with orchestras all around the world. But it was in fact the viola that truly captured his heart and with which he earned a Master's Degree at the University of Southern Mississippi

To date, Alejandro's career as a professional musician includes his participation in many important festivals and institutions such as the International Tour, I Musici



Violist, and Director of Education of the Mississippi Symphony

Estensi from Italy (Viola), the International Tour, Arpeggioni Chamber Orchestra from Austria (viola), and the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra. He was the Assistant to the Concertmaster at the Symphony Orchestra at the Cité Université in Paris, France. He participated in the Mercosur Festival Juvenil de Orquesta in Argentina as a violin teacher, and at the Universidad del Atlantico in Barranquilla, Colombia he was a Professor of Violin and Viola. At the Filarmonica del Caribe, he worked as Teacher and Director of Education, in charge of children's concerts and pedagogical projects.



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